Bypass around Paramakudi Town

2016. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Paramakudi town in Ramanathapuram district, Tamil Nadu is a fast growing, thickly populated, highly congested, important town lying on either side of National Highway leading to Rameswaram;

(b) whether there is a proposal to construct a bypass around Paramakudi town at the cost of around Rs. 90 crores and connect the same with the National Highway;

(c) if so, the status of this proposal; and

(d) by when it would be sanctioned and taken up for execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Paramakudi town in Tamil Nadu is situated on Madurai-Ramanathapuram-Dhanushkodi National Highway No. 49. This National Highway has been included in National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase III for up-gradation to four lanes on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The Government has approved preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Feasibility Studies for this National Highway. Cosntruction of bypass around Paramakudi town will depend on the out come of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Feasibility Studies. It is premature to indicate the cost of construction of this bypass and the time by which it would be sanctioned and taken up for execution.

Accidents on highways in Maharashtra

2017. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of accidents on highways in Maharashtra is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the number of such accidents that occurred during the last three years, year-wise togetherwith the number of persons killed and injured;

(c) whether the number of road accidents is on the increase due to rash driving, over loading and untrained driving;

(d) if so, whether Central Government have taken certain measures to prevent such accidents in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) It is not true that road accidents are continuously on rise in the Maharashtra. As reported by the Government of Maharashtra, the number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured on highways in the state during the year 2001, 2002 and 2003 are as under:—

Year	Road Accident		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	National Highways	State Highways	National Highways	State Highways	National Highways	State Highways
2001	14576	13413	3383	3324	12559	15205
2002	13717	12288	3062	3331	11759	13999
2003	13930	11618	3168	3252	11878	13808

(c) Information on accidents due to rash driving and untrained driving is not compiled by this Ministry. As per information available, 14.8% of the accidents have been caused by overloading in Maharashtra during the period 2001 to 2003.

(d) and (e) Enforcement of Provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and rules made thereunder to ensure safety of road users is the responsibility of the State Government some of the important steps taken by the Central Government to check the road accidents on National Highways besides highway design are as under:

(1) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(3) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(4) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(5) organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to creating awareness.

(6) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(7) Widening and improvements of National Highways, etc.

Use of tinted glasses in vehicles

2018. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision in the Motor Vehicles Act that tinted glasses shall not be used in cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which this provision has been implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures Government contemplate to make a provision about tinted glass in the Motor Vehicles Act and ensure its effective implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Rule 100 (2) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 prescribes that "the glass of the windscreen and rear window of every motor vehicle shall be such and shall be maintained in such a condition that the visual transmission of light is not less than 70%. The glasses used for side windows are such and shall be maintained in such condition that the visual transmission of light is not less than 50% and shall conform to Indian Standard [IS:2553 (Part 2-1992)]".

Enforcement of all the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments.